their agricultrural credit for production and investment purposes. Depending on the type of loan such refinance is granted in the form of Short-term and Mediumterm (Non-Schematic) credit limits as well as Medium Term & Long Term schematic refinance.

The following instructions have also been given to banks for ensuring timely flow of credit to farmers:

(i) All loan applications upto a credit limit of Rs. 25,000 are to be disposed of within a fortnight and those for over Rs. 25,000 within 8 to 9 weeks.

(ii) All branch managers of banks are vested with discretionary powers to sanction proposals from weaker sections without reference to higher authority.

(iii) Banks are required to have a machinery at the regional office level : (a) to entertain complaints from the borrowers if the branches do not follow the guidelines and (b) to verify periodically that these guidelines are implemented by the branches in actual practice.

(c) and (d) A Budget provision of Rs. 341 crores has been made under the scheme Debt Relief to Farmers during the year 1994-95. An amount of Rs. 275 crores has alrady been released in July, 1994 to the Reserve Banks of India towards payment to public Sector Banks, Regional Rural Banks and Cooperative Banks in respect of loan written off under the ARDR Scheme, 1990 and the balance of Rs. 66 crores is likely to be released soon.

Films on Agricultural Subjects

4249. SHRI AJIT P.K. JOGI:
SHRI RAM GOPAL YADAV:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have invited some private film producing companies to make films on agricultural subjects which were hitherto being produced by Films Division;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the total number of films produced by private film-makers and expenditure incurred thereon during 1991-92 and 1992-93?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) Yes Sir, offers from private film producers were invited for preparation of panels for making films on agricultural subjects. These offers were invited in 1990 and 1991.

(b) Government has decided to patronize private film producers for production of films on agricultural subjects so as to take advantage of best expertize available in the market and its cost effectiveness.

(c) Indian Council of Agricultural Research have got produced 4 video films during 1991-92 and expenditure of Rs. 16.15 lakh was incurred thereon.

Evaluation of Working of the Indian Dairy Corporation

4250. SHRI RAM GOPAL YADAV:
SHRI AJIT P.K. JOGI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any evaluation of the working of Indian Dairy Corporation;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government for the upgradation of the said Corporation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) to (c) The Indian Dairy Corporation (IDC) has been dissolved by an Act of Parliament i.e., the National Dairy Development Board Act, 1987 (37 of 1987) and as such the question of evaluation/upgradation of the working of the Indian Dairy Corporation does not arise.

Rice Development Programme

4251. SHRI AJIT P.K. JOGI:
SHRI RAM GOPAL YADAV:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have reviewed the performance of Integrated Programme of Rice Development and special foodgrains production programme during the Seventh Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether some special schemes have been included in the above mentioned programmes during the Eighth Five Year Plan;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether Government have launched any special schemes for Agricultural Development in Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) and (b) During the 7th Five Year Plan the "Special Rice Development Programme (SRPP)" and Special Foodgrains Production Programme-Rice (SFPP Rice) were implemented. The review of the performance of these programmes was done with the State, during National Conference for Kharif Campaign and Rabi Campaign held seasonally, which was observed to be, by and large satisfactory during the 7th Five Year Plan. The implementation of these programmes have contributed in increasing the average annual production of rice from 54.49 million tonnes per annum achieved during the 6th Five Year Plan to 65.06 million tonnes per annum during the 7th Five Year Plan. Similarly average productivity of rice also increased from 1352 kg. per ha. during the 6th Five Year Plan to 1587 kg. per ha. during 7th Five Year Plan.

(c) and (d) During the beginning years of the 8th Five Year Plan (1992-93 & 1993-94) the "Integrated Programme for Rice Development (IPRD)" the unified scheme of SRPP and SFPP-Rice, was implemented. However, during the remaining years of the plan i.e. from 1994-95 to 1996-97 the modified scheme "Integrated Cereals Development Programme in Rice Based Cropping Systems Areas (ICDP-Rice)" will be implemented in Bihar, Eastern U.P., Eastern M.P., Orissa, West Bengal, Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Tripura, Andhra Pradesh, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Goa and U.T. of Pondicherry with the emphasis on development of cropping systems approach for increasing the production of productivity of cereal crops as a whole against the individual crops approach as was being done hitherto. The funding pattern will continue to be 75:25 sharing basis between Government of India and concerned States as was under IPRD.

(e) and (f) The modified schemes "Integrated Cereals Development Programme in Rice Based Cropping Systems Areas (ICDP-Rice)" & "Integrated Cereals Development Programme in Coarse Cereals Based Cropping Systems — Areas (ICDP Coarse Cereals)" will be implemented in Madhya Pradesh and "Integrated Cereals Development Programme in Rice Based Cropping Systems Areas (ICDP-Rice)" & "Integrated Cereals Development Programme in Wheat Based Cropping Systems Areas (ICDP-Wheat)" will be implemented in Uttar Pradesh during the remaining years of 8th Plan for increasing the production and productivity of cereal crops. The funding pattern under these schemes is 75:25 sharing basis between Government of India and the States.

World Bank's Assistance for National Seeds Project

4252. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI:
SHRI RAM GOPAL YADAV:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the World Bank assisted the National Seeds Project Phase-II;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the progress made in this regard till date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir. The World Bank provided assistance of US $ 16 M to NSP-II which had the project outlay of Rs. 38.91 crores.

(b) and (c) Commencing in 1978, the project concluded in December, 1985. The beneficiaries under the project were SFCI, ICAR, and five States namely, Bihar,